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SUBJ: LETTER FROM KARAME DISAVOWING LEBANESE PERMREP'S
GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT

REF: USUN 3516

1. RACHID KARAME'S LETTER DATED OCTOBER 29 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL (PARA 2) WHICH DENOUNCES AND DISAVOWS PERMREP GHORRA WAS CIRCULATED AS A UN DOCUMENT ON NOVEMBER 4. LEBANESE DEPUTY PERM REP TOLD US AMBASSADOR GHORRA'S STATEMENT HAD BACKING OF PRESIDENT SARKIS AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHAMOUN. LEBANESE MISSION SPECULATES KARAME WROTE LETTER TO SYG UNDER PRESSURE FROM PALESTINIANS; MISSION ALSO UNDERSTANDS KARAME'S SENDING LETTER WAS OPPOSED BY OTHER MINISTERS. MEANWHILE, FM CHAMOUN HAS FORWARDED LETTER TO WALDHEIM POINTING OUT THAT HE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND THAT HE RENEWS THE CONFIDENCE OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IN AMB. GHORRA. CHAMOUN ALSO ASKED THAT SYG NOT ALLOW CIRCULATION IN UN OF LEBANESE DOCUMENTS EXCEPT THRU AMB. GHORRA.

2. LETTER FROM RACHID KARAME "PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTER OF LEBANON, AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A.E."
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BEGIN TEXT: HAVING TAKEN COGNIZANCE OF THE STATEMENT
MADE BY MR. GHORRA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON 14 OCTOBER, I REGRET TO
INFORM YOU THAT I DISAPPROVE OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS
SPEECH, WHICH DOES NOT EXPRESS THE POLICY OF MY GOVERNMENT
AS IT WAS CLEARLY SET FORTH IN MY MESSAGE OF 25 AUGUST
1976 (TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO
MR. WALDHEIM, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS) (TO
YOU, MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL). ON THE CONTRARY, THIS SPEECH EXPRESSES
ONLY THE POINT OF VIEW OF CERTAIN LEBANESE AND
UNFORTUNATELY DISTORTS THE FACTS AND OMITTS SO MANY P
ERRORS ACCUMULATED BY LEBANESE LEADERS DURING THE PAST
YEARS. ITS REAL AIM IS TO OPEN THE WAY TO THE
INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE LEBANESE CRISIS. I REITERATE
THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT, WHICH CONSIDERS THESE
ATTEMPTS AT INTERNATIONALIZATION TO BE CONTRARY TO
THE HIGHER INTERESTS OF LEBANON AND LIKELY TO MAKE THE
CRISIS WORSE AND TO SABOTAGE THE SINCERE MEDIATION EFFORTS
OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH A LASTING PEACE IN
LEBANON.

I WOULD REQUEST YOU, (MR. PRESIDENT) (MR. SECRETARY-
GENERAL), TO HAVE THIS MESSAGE CIRCULATED TO MEMBER STATES
AS AN OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENT.

PLEASE ACCEPT, (MR. PRESIDENT) (MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL),
THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.
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